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Re: Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application of U.S. Application No. 09/878,029
Jonathan **Matias**
**"NON-TOXIC COATING COMPOSITION, METHODS OF USE THEREOF AND
ARTICLES PROTECTED FROM ATTACHMENT OF BIOFOULING ORGANISMS"**
Attorney Docket No.: 3968.094

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application of copending prior parent Application No. 09/878,029 filed on June 8, 2001, entitled **"NON-TOXIC COATING COMPOSITION, METHODS OF USE THEREOF AND ARTICLES PROTECTED FROM ATTACHMENT OF BIOFOULING ORGANISMS"**.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b). We enclose a copy of the specification, claims, abstract, six (6) sheets of drawings, and a Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the parent case, Application No. 09/878,029, is also enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Neil S. Levy in Group Art Unit **1616**.

Total claims	<u>22</u> - <u>20</u> = <u>2</u>	x \$18 = \$
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Request for Continued Application for U.S. Application No. **09/878,029** filed **June 8, 2001**, entitled " **NON-TOXIC COATING COMPOSITION, METHODS OF USE THEREOF AND ARTICLES PROTECTED FROM ATTACHMENT OF BIOFOULING ORGANISMS**" and a stamped receipt post card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: Box Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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